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Querceto di Castellina Toscana Rosso "Podalirio"

Overview

- Podalirio takes its name from Iphiclides podalirio, the Scarce Swallowtail butterfly frequently spotted across the Querceto estate each summer. First produced in 1999 as a Sangiovese-Merlot blend, it evolved into a pure expression of Merlot in 2005, once Jacopo Di Battista determined the variety alone could best capture the character of Querceto's terroir.

Appellation: Toscana IGT

Type: Red, dry

Varietals: 100% Merlot

Winemaking and Vineyard Notes

Location: Querceto di Castellina estate, between Castellina and Radda in Chianti.

Vineyard: Belvedere and Campolungo vineyards.

Altitude: 1370-1575 ft. a.s.l.

Soil type: Rocky, medium-textured soil with limestone marl, rich in minerals.

Yield: 50qq.

Training system: Spur pruned cordon.

Planting system: Variable high density.

Harvest: By hand, mid-September.

Winemaking: Maceration for about 25-30 days in temperature controlled stainless steel.

Aging: 18 months French oak (225 lt.), 12 months in the bottle.

Tasting Notes

Color: Dense, deep ruby red.

Bouquet: Ripe plum, cinnamon, nutmeg, and fine oak, with festive dark berries, candied fig, Luxardo cherry, and bitter orange jam. Classic Old World notes of tar, leather, and pencil shavings emerge with air.

Palate: Hearty and rich, with dense dark fruit, vanilla, chocolate, and full-bodied yet lively tannins. Bright, exciting acidity carries through orange peel, savory black olive, and thyme to a long, earthy, espresso-tinged finish.

Serving Temperature: 18° C (64°/65° F).

Food Pairing

Great with salumi, pasta with ragù, and roasted/grilled beef and wild game.



Querceto di Castellina is a family-run organic winery nestled high in Chianti Classico between Radda and Castellina, where the Di Battista family has crafted wine since 1998. Certified organic since 2012, the estate spans 11.5 hectares of limestone-rich vineyard situated at nearly 500 meters elevation. The winery produces elegant Sangiovese-based wines, including their flagship L'Aura, named after matriarch Laura. With meticulous hand-tended vineyards and minimal intervention in the cellar, Querceto expresses the terroir's mineral character and natural cycles without chemical treatment.